

# THE ARIZONA SILVER BELT.

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## WILCOX'S "LETTER OF DEFENSE."

In Which He Indulges in Bill-Magazine and Makes no Denial of the Charges of Misappropriating Gov't Property.

There are few exceptions to the general rule that wrong-doers contain within themselves the elements of their own destruction. Give them plenty of rope and they will sooner or later hang themselves. Serious charges were recently preferred by ex-chief of scouts Burgess against P. P. Wilcox, Indian Agent at San Carlos, and backed by sworn affidavits were forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior Department, and an investigation demanded. One of the charges was the misappropriation of government property; another was cohabiting with a squaw, and another the violation of a statute. Manifestly if Mr. Wilcox was innocent, no publication of a letter of denial was necessary; in fact it would be improper. A thorough investigation would be what an innocent man would seek, and use his influence to obtain. But Wilcox is evidently guilty, and naturally kicks against an investigation, and he has acted the part of a scrub all the way through. He solicited and obtained from Gen. Crook a letter of indorsement. No person of judgment can carefully read Crook's letter without a feeling that while it lifts nothing from the shoulders of Wilcox, it shows Crook to be a man of defective judgment and little sense of propriety. The culminating act of foolishness on the part of Wilcox is the fulmination of an uncalculated "letter of defense." The letter was addressed to his friend Teller, Secretary of the Interior, and has been published in the Tucson papers. He makes a very lame denial of the charge of violating the following statute of the United States, found in title XXVIII, ch. I, R. S.:

Sec. 2078.—No person employed in Indian affairs shall have any interest or concern in any trade with the Indians, except for and on account of the United States; and any person offending herein shall be liable to a penalty of \$5,000, and shall be removed from his office.

No denial is made of the charge of misappropriating government property, nor the charge of cohabiting with a squaw. Wilcox says that the charge was made by Donald Robb, of Globe, Arizona, and by affidavits of four persons who claim to have good cause to believe that Agent Wilcox purchased the store of Hise Brothers, with its stock of goods on his own account. In a lengthy affidavit reciting all the circumstances attending the purchase of the store by John A. Showalter, his son-in-law, Agent Wilcox denies having any interest in that or any other store on the reservation, and introduces the sworn statement of John H. Hise, of whom the store was purchased; John A. Showalter, the alleged purchaser; H. H. Callahan, Hise's clerk; and James A. Taggart and C. B. Ayres, who were present when the transfer was made, and who helped to take an account of the stock; all of whom assert in positive terms that nothing was said by Agent Wilcox to indicate that he had or expected to have any interest in the store; but on the contrary that they had good reason to believe that J. A. Showalter was the sole owner—Showalter's own affidavit, asserting this to be true.

Wilcox closes with the following frantic attack on every one directly or indirectly connected with the attempt to effect his removal from the responsible position he has disgraced by his dishonesty and flagrant immorality:

"Placed in a position where an answer to the vapory and incoherent letter of complaint of Donald Robb made necessary, I see no other way of performing a disagreeable duty except by opposing the dignified and candid statements of honorable gentlemen to the dribble of disreputable knaves which without exception, have been subjected to merited agency discipline and warning, and who, because of their animal ignorance of malice, have taken up as a mouth-piece of the fellows referred to by General Crook in his letter to you of the 23 ult., as the remnants of the old Indian rite, as the territory, vampires who fattened on the blood of their fellow creatures."

These assaults have been made upon me, and these hounds hissed on by C. T. Connell, Indian trader; A. H. Hackney, editor Beltz, (newspaper) Globe; Charles Fisk, banker, Globe; J. C. Tiffany, ex-Indian agent, and Reuben Wood, Indian trader; a corrupt cabal joined together by common interest of plunder, in a union cemented by the near prospect of being driven from their prey.

Connell is the man who harbored that blot upon society, John B. Burgess, who was driven from the reservation for selling fire-arms to Indians. It was Connell who had in his employ that young ruffian, Wratten, who threatened to use his influence with the Indians to have me assassinated. Hackney is the editor who defended Tiffany when the citizens of Globe demanded the execution of that Christian philanthropist, and whose paper was silenced by threats to throw its plant in the streets.

Fisk is the financial manager of the syndicate that pretended to purchase the coal lands on the reservation for

the payment of forty dollars per head to fourteen ignorant and deceived Indian chiefs. I need not tell you who Tiffany is, and I refrain from writing the biography of Reuben Wood because of inability to do the subject justice.

A glance at the pack that have done the baying and I am done:

Donald Robb occupies the enviable position of reporter for a country newspaper, and cook and scullion for editor, Hackney; the worthy pair cooking their beans and slanders in a back room made to do duty as editorial sanctum, kitchen and bedroom. He has been but a short time in Arizona; has no interest in the Territory beyond that of levying black mail on respectable citizens; is without brains or influence and could only have been prompted to write that silly letter to Mr. Cox, by a desire to appear a mastiff in the eyes of his master though conscious he was only a mangy cur.

William E. Parker was discharged from the store of Showalter because he was not needed, and soon after, having been employed by Reuben Wood to rub horses at a stage station, was ordered to leave the reservation by Capt. Crawford for being found among Indians in a beastly state of intoxication.

Wratten, as before stated, threatened to procure my assassination, through the agency of his Indian friends, and was expelled from the reservation by me.

Stevens is a member of a very respectable fraternity, known in the West as "Bull-Whackers," and by superior ability in his profession has raised himself to the honorable degree of train-master. It has been his custom to come to the Agency a week or more in advance of his subordinates, and spend the time until their arrival, with his friend Connell. I politely informed him that this practice must be discontinued, and that like other white men, he must pass on.

I did not intend to refer to the affidavit of D. Henderson, but having just learned the reason that impelled him to yelp with the "pack," I give it. Unknown to me he had been purchasing agency hides through Wood, who, I supposed, was the real purchaser, and when a few weeks ago, I refused to let Wood have them, Henderson was the man hurt.

It will thus be seen that not an affidavit has been made by any person not having a grievance, and that those who are not positively disreputable of the number, have, in order to gratify their malice, been willing to unite with assassins and drunkards in the miserable business of attempting my ruin by unblushing perjury.

Mr. Donald Robb needs no defense of his character before the citizens of Globe, or anywhere else where he is known. But as that gentleman is temporarily absent on business, we publish the following: As for ourselves we do not consider Wilcox's aspersions of any account, and we presume Robb would ignore them as far as making any published reply were he at home. However, he must judge for himself as to that matter on his return.

A letter was recently received by Representative S. S. Cox from Secretary Teller, a copy of which was forwarded to Mr. Robb, casting reflections on Mr. Robb. A letter—signed by the leading citizens of Globe, among them all the city and county officials, the bankers, etc., containing the following unqualified endorsement of Mr. Robb—was at once forwarded to Mr. Cox: "Mr. Robb is one of the first and best known residents of this county. He represented it in the Territorial Legislature, ably and honestly. He is one of the best known journalists in the Territory. His record has not a single blot upon it, and the position he has assumed upon the Indian question grows out of his public spirit, and his desire to conserve the public good."

Elsewhere Mr. Connell gives the lie direct to certain statements in Mr. Wilcox's letter.

"This is a very stupid lie. Hearing that such an order had been issued by Agent Wilcox, Mr. Stevens addressed a letter of inquiry to the Agent. Wilcox returned the letter with the following remark written across the page underneath the text of the letter: 'No such order issued or contemplated.' P. P. Wilcox, Indian Agent."

Suspension of Judge Hoover.

On Friday of last week Hon. W. W. Hoover, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, was suspended by order of the President of the U. S., pending the investigation by the Department of Justice of charges of corrupt practices in accepting bribes. On Saturday Judge Hoover, who was holding a term of court at Tucson, adjourned the tribunal to the 17th of May. This adjournment will result in a great deal of inconvenience and injury to those having cases before the court, and subject them to heavy and useless expense. It is well known that the charges against Judge Hoover, whatever may be their merits, have been before the Department of Justice for some time. As soon as it became known that these charges had been made, a meeting of the members of the Arizona bar was held, the facts examined into, and as a result resolutions exonerating Judge Hoover were found, and with a statement of the evidence on which the opinion was based were forwarded to the Department of Justice. Nothing further was heard about the charges until the telegram from Washington announcing the suspension by the President's order reached Tucson last Friday. It is a rather suspicious fact that this order of suspension was procured just when (if we may judge from his course) United States District Attorney Zabriske had discovered that he had no case on the part of the United States against ex-Indian Agent J. C. Tiffany and Reuben Wood. It was

pretended that Hoover was suspected of alliance with the "San Carlos-Tiffany-Ring." The true facts will undoubtedly soon be brought to the light; but the action was severely censured by the Tucson bar, as will be seen from the following digest of their proceedings:

At 8 o'clock p. m. of Saturday a meeting of members of the bar was held at the court house in Tucson.

A resolution was passed that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to procure certified copies of the indictments and proceedings therein in the cases of the United States vs. J. C. Tiffany et al, in connection with the San Carlos Agency, and to receive such additional evidence, if any, as they may in their discretion deem necessary, to be forwarded to the Department of Justice and President of the United States. The chairman appointed Messrs. Campbell, Hereford and Ferguson the committee under the resolution. The meeting adjourned to Monday evening, March 19.

At the meeting held on Monday evening, United States Marshal Tidd and United States Attorney Zabriske were present by invitation. After some remarks by Judge Campbell, Col. Zabriske was called upon. He stated that the first intimation he had was a dispatch received from the attorney general on the evening of the 16th, which he read to the meeting, and in answer to the question as to whether he had suggested as to a judge to fill the place, stated that in answer to the attorney general's dispatch he recommended that Judge French be requested to hold the term. Judge Hoover and Mr. Satterwhite were then sent for, and as soon as they made their appearance Marshal Tidd made a statement of what he knew, and that he had been called upon by Mr. Perry, of the Department of Justice. Judge Hoover denied that he had in any way either directly or indirectly endeavored to shield or assist the defendants in the Tiffany-San Carlos indictments and claimed that he had endeavored to protect the interests of the government. The proprietor of the Tucson Star was asked to state what grounds he had for making the editorial on the Washington dispatch. He replied several days previous he had been informed on what he believed good authority that Judge Hoover and Tiffany had frequently been seen together and that they had been seen entering the law office of Tiffany's attorney, and that he had learned that the court in proceedings had on the indictments, appeared to be favoring the defendants. These facts taken in connection with rumors and the Washington dispatch was the cause of his comments. Although from what he had since learned, he believed that his informant, who was absent from the city, might be mistaken as to the identity of Mr. Tiffany.

We give herewith the report of the Secretary of the meeting in full:

Tucson, A. T., March 19.—To Chester A. Arthur, President of United States, and to the Department of Justice, Washington:—At a public meeting of members of the bar of Pima county, A. T., where an investigation of charges against Judge W. W. Hoover in connection with the Tiffany-San Carlos indictments, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the further resolution that the same be telegraphed to you and that there be forwarded to you by mail the evidence heard and considered by us, which brought about our conclusions which will be transmitted as speedily as possible:

Resolved, That whilst we do not for the present accuse any man of a willful and malicious design to destroy the good character of Associate Justice, W. W. Hoover, yet we do unhesitatingly declare that if any telegrams have been sent to the Department of Justice or to the President of the U. S. derogatory to the judicial conduct of Judge Hoover, charging upon him the least partiality in the performance of his duties as judge in any proceeding relating to indictments now pending in his court, wherein J. C. Tiffany and others are accused of crimes against the United States, that the same are founded on falsehoods and that the person or persons who conceived or suggested the same, did so willfully and maliciously, and with full knowledge that said telegrams were utterly false, and it is further

Resolved, That this resolution be signed by such members of the bar of the city of Tucson now here assembled and may so desire; that when so signed and authenticated by the secretary of the meeting, it be telegraphed to the President of the United States, and to the Department of Justice at Washington and be published in the local papers of this city.

Resolved, That so far from Judge Hoover's conduct in the matter of the San Carlos indictments indicating any partiality towards the defendants, it on the contrary prevented the commission of a grave error on the part of the prosecution who had failed to furnish the defendants with copies of the indictments found against them; which error, if persisted in, would have resulted in setting aside any conviction which might have been attained.

A Lying Club has been formed in Tucson. We suggest the man who has charge of the Associated Press business at that point, as its president, and Wilcox, the Czar of San Carlos, as an honorary member.

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D. B. LACEY, County Treas.

By J. A. ANDERSON, Deputy.

Globe, March 18th, 1893.

Hospital Notice.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP IN the Globe Hospital Association can be procured at John H. Hise's, G. S. Van Wageningen's and D. Robb, at the Silver Belt office. Ladies are requested to confer directly with the officers. The Hospital is ready for the reception of patients.

MRS. E. F. KELLNER, Pres.

MRS. A. G. PENDLETON, Sec.

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To Whom It May Concern.

ALL PERSONS AND ESPECIALLY the heirs or administrators of the estate of Patrick McGorriack, deceased, claiming an interest as co-owner in the Hattie mine, situated in McChesney Mining District, Gila County, Territory of Arizona, and more particularly described on page 308, book 1, of the Records of Mines, in said County, are hereby notified that the undersigned, one of the owners of said mine, has done the assessment work on said mine for the year 1892. This, therefore, is to notify said heirs or administrators that if they fail to pay their share of said assessment work, together with the cost of this notice, as prescribed by law, then their interests in said mine shall utterly cease and become the property of the subscriber.

February 22, 1893.

By his Agent, J. D. LARUE.

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In the Justice's Court.

Of Globe Precinct in the County of Gila, Territory of Arizona, B. G. FOX, J. P., vs. R. H. WATSON, Defendant—Summons.

The Territory of Arizona sends greeting to R. H. Watson, Defendant.

You are hereby summoned to appear before me, at my office in Globe Precinct, in the County of Gila, on the THIRD day of APRIL, 1893, at ten o'clock a. m., in an action brought against you by said plaintiff to answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff.

Said action is brought to recover of you the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) and interest thereon at the rate of two per cent per month from Dec. 31, 1891, for labor performed for you at your request, together with all costs and percentages allowed by law, and you are hereby notified to appear and answer the said complaint or judgment will be taken against you for the said amount, together with costs of this suit if you fail to appear and answer.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of said County, Greeting:

Make legal service and due return thereof. Given under my hand this 30th day of January 1893.

B. G. FOX.

A Justice of the Peace of said Precinct, feb. 3-4

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Feb. 3—40d.

HENRY M. CAREY.

To Whom It May Concern.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO W. S. Shives, and all whom it may concern, that the undersigned have performed the annual assessment work, amounting to \$100 on the mine known as the "Copper and Silver Top," located on the 7th of May, 1891, in Globe District, County of Gila, and Territory of Arizona; and the said W. S. Shives, and all whom it may concern are hereby notified that unless his or their proportion of the cost of said assessment work, together with cost of advertising be paid within ninety (90) days after the expiration of this publication, all his or their interest in said mine shall become void, as prescribed by law, and revert to the subscribers.

Feb. 3—40d.

By C. C. LINDY.

L. ROBINSON.

Jan 18-90d.

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